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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: CIA ELINT Staff Officer
SUBJECT: Agency ELINT Program.

1. I have received from [] a draft of a proposed Agency Regulation dealing with organization and functions of his Staff and its relationship to DD/P, Commo, and OSI. After study of this statement, I am forced to conclude as follows:

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a. Complete disagreement with the organizational concept set forth in this draft. [] proposes that he "direct" and "guide", hence occupy a command position acting for the Director. He would, therefore, command DD/P, Commo, and OSI in respect to the ELINT Program.

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b. I am certain that neither DD/P nor Commo will accept this.

c. The proper organization for discharge of mission with respect to ELINT is to give the responsibility for the program to the DD/P because the DD/P is the operations officer in the field for the Agency. Second, to add another program outside of the DD/P, such as AQUATONE now stands, is to contribute additional misalignment.

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f. As presently constituted organizationally, the attachment for housekeeping purposes of the ELINT Staff Officer to OSI is not good and would be corrected by shifting the whole business to DD/P.

2. The concept in the above reasoning is substantially that of an operator and his support, that is to say, the ELINT Staff Officer should deal with policy and administration, but seeking support as such from DD/P, Commo, and OSI by the laying on of requirements in exactly the same way as the operators now lay their support requirements on the ID/S.

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3. It makes better sense to me to try a rewrite on proposed Regulation after the Agency settles the basic question posed herewith.

SIGNED

Chief, Management Staff

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cc Deputy Director (Support) ✓

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